

### **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated August 13, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated December 6, 2004, have been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1-55 are canceled, without prejudice. Claims 65-76 are added. No new matter is added, and support for the new claims may be found in the canceled claims. Thus, claims 56-76 are pending in the present application, and are submitted for consideration.

Claims 56-58 were allowed in the Office Action, and claims 59-64 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. In the Response filed November 15, 2004, applicant amended claim 59 to place claims 59-64 in condition for allowance. In the Advisory Action, claims 56-64 were indicated as allowed, and that the application would be passed to allowance if claims 1-55 were canceled in a supplemental amendment. Thus, claims 56-64 stand allowed.

New claims 65-75 are based on the canceled dependent claims. In a telephone conference with the Examiner on January 12, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 65-75 would be allowable as long as the subject matter of the allowed independent claims is not changed. Applicant submits that new claims 65-75 do not change the subject matter of the allowed independent claims, and are, therefore, allowable. New independent claim 76 recites the subject matter of allowed claim 56, and is allowable for

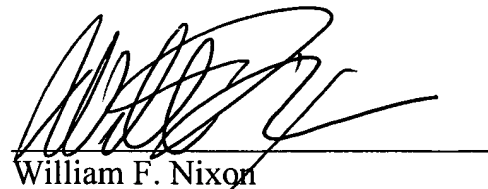
at least the same reasons. Thus, applicant submits that all of new claims 65-76 contain allowable subject matter.

It is respectfully requested that all of claims 56-76 be indicated as allowed and this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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